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PROCEEDINGS.

The Eighth Annual Meeting was marked by most happy circumstances. The large number of active, experienced Missionaries, and workers along salvation lines, gave a deep under-current of spirituality that constantly refreshed and uplifted our souls amid the press of business. The weather was perfect. The good people were unexcelled in caring for us. The arrangements for the meeting were very complete. The decorations—largely flags—to remind us of our mission stations. The bountiful lunches spread by ladies from both Oakland and San Francisco churches. The special music from most cultured singers, accompanied by the accomplished Mrs. Morton of San Jose, who seemed never to weary of the service, gave assurance that the Oakland committee were quite equal to the occasion. We would not forget the gentle little Page—Miss Lena Hunt—who was so helpful, particularly to the Secretaries.

The meeting Tuesday evening, in charge of Mrs. Marian Taylor, President of Eighth Avenue Auxiliary, was well attended. An eloquent address of welcome from Dr. Carroll, the Pastor, for his Church, followed by Mrs. C. V. Kummer, on behalf of the Conference, left nothing unsaid, but assured us that we were wanted, and during our stay really belonged to the beautiful city on the Bay. The welcome was feelingly responded to for the Branch by Mrs. Birdsall, of Los Angeles.

The Sacramental service was helpful and impressive. The social hour which closed this service, gave many of us the longed-for opportunity to greet those whom not having seen, we had loved and labored with in the Lord. A large representation of the Executive Board and delegates were present, and the presence with us of earnest men and women from other Societies, and of our Christian Chinese and Japanese friends filled every moment with something to remember and be glad over.

Wednesday A. M. The meeting was opened at 9 o'clock by devotions led by Mrs. Carrie Judd Montgomery, the President, Mrs. A. K. Stalker, in the chair. "Separated for Service" was Mrs. Montgomery's theme, and a profitable hour was spent seeking a more complete equipment for the Lord's service. Mrs. Stalker's opening address was on the leavening power of the Gospel of Christ, what it has wrought for the nations and how it has spread and multiplied in the hands of our missionaries. Her earnest exhortation not to let it fail to work in our own hearts that we may fully meet the demands upon us, closing with an appeal for faithful work in the Auxiliaries, touched an answering cord in many hearts. The report of the Ex-

ecutive meeting of the previous day was read by the Secretary. A motion to adopt *ad seriatum* carried as follows. In view of the financial depression and the difficulty experienced in meeting our pledges, the past year, it was moved in Executive Committee to advance our appropriations only $500 this year, making it $7500, all over $7000 to to be held as a Foreign Contingent Fund, to meet emergencies that will arise every year. A card just received was read asking for an additional hundred dollars in Madras to help care for fifty famine children Miss Stevens had taken into the Home to save from starvation, for whom she had no appropriation. Motion carried. A motion to memorialize the General Executive to remove the restrictions on outgoing missionaries and allow them to speak within our borders while enroute for their fields. Carried. The motion to ask one of the other branches to take Miss Russell's salary for this year, as it would require $200 more to meet it than last and our treasurer had been obliged to borrow last year, times have been so hard, was discussed and laid on the table for further consideration. Also the motion to resume the publication of our Branch Quarterly, making four issues of 1000 copies each, was left to be taken up later. In Miss Davis' absence, the Secretary read the report of Photograph Committee which was adopted. The reports of Christmas Box Committees were given. Mrs. Thomson reported for California Conference, adopted. Mrs. Crow's report was read by the Secretary and adopted. The Railroad Secretary, Mrs. Cantine of San Jose, called the attention of the ladies to the need that all persons attending the meetings use the certificates provided to get the two-thirds rebate on the return trip, as we are required to buy 150 tickets to get the reduction, and only by the courtesy of the General Manager, can we get the reduced rate otherwise, and that by special application. Mrs. Pattee's paper "Helps for Missionary Workers" was full of wise thought, and at its close Miss Slocum called attention to a map she had made and told how to do it. Mrs. Hervey Lindley's "Timely Topics" were full of pertinent points and many ladies will remember to "polish up the dark side when they can't see the bright one." After announcements we adjourned to 1:30 with the doxology and benediction by Dr. Carroll.

AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Ferguson, of First Church, Alameda, led the devotions. The Scripture lesson was on the Parable of a penny a day, followed by singing, "There shall be Showers of Blessing," and prayer. After the Minutes were read and approved, Mrs. Webber, of San Jose, was appointed to report the proceedings for the San Francisco papers, Mrs. Morton, of San Jose, for the Oakland papers, and Mrs. F. D. Bovard, of Alameda, for the *California Advocate*. Mrs. P. B. Searle gave a very full and interesting report of her Conference, fol-

lowed by singing "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy." The Nominating Committee reported the following Committees, which were elected:

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The Treasurer, Mrs. Z. L. Parmelee, reported all our pledges met for the year and a small balance in the Treasury as follows:

On hand October 1st, 1895	$ 830 14
Received during the year	5,712 76
Total	$6,542 90
Expended	6,520 47
Balance	$ 22 43

The report having been audited by Mr. E. E. Barden and found correct, it was accepted with thanks to the Treasurer who has so faithfully met her responsibilities, and borne the heavy burden so cheerfully. Report of Mrs. H. E. Wright, Mite Box committee, accepted. Miss Slocum, of Hanford, read an excellent paper on "The Reflex Influence of Missionary Work." Mrs. Bone, of Berkeley, sang very sweetly, "The Harvest is Passing, the Laborers are Few."

Mrs. Seymour, Branch Secretary of Young Woman's Work, opened the Young Woman's Hour by giving her inspiring report. Miss Hewitt, of our Japanese Mission, introduced Miss Hasegawa, recently from our school in Tokyo, who could not speak English, but sang a Japanese hymn. Miss Hewitt spoke of Miss Hasegawa's success as a Bible Woman, and of her deep devotion to her work. Mrs. Herrold, of San Jose, read an earnest paper on "Broken Vows." Miss Emma Lombard, of Oakland, read a fine paper on "Young Woman's Work" written by Miss Peatfield, of Pasadena. Reports

of the Supply Committee, Mrs. Kummer and Miss Crum, accepted with thanks. The Question Drawer in Mrs. Woodcock's charge proved very interesting and helpful. Rev. and Mrs. Baugh, of the M. E. Church, South, for many years missionaries to India, were introduced. A question as to Christmas boxes was referred to the Free Leaflet to be had of the Supply Committee, "Northern India, what to send and what not to send." After announcements, we were dismissed by the benediction by Brother Baugh.

Wednesday Evening—Devotional exercises were led by Dr. Carroll. Mrs. Cantine of San Jose presiding. The choir of Eighth Avenue furnished fine music. Mrs. Hewett, of our mission field in Mexico and South America, spoke on the "Need of Christian Missionaries in Papal Lands." A vivid portrayal of the needs of a people starving for the Bread of Life—12,000,000 of people in Mexico and have only eight missionaries and 34 native teachers. Thirty of these teachers were educated in our schools. Miss Hewett's address on the condition of these nominally Christian people impressed us with their similarity to the heathen nations, and we realized as never before the *great* need and the difficulty our missionaries experience in reaching these darkened minds with the Gospel light, surely we should bear these papal lands on our hearts as never before, and Pacific Branch will have a livlier interest in the salvation of Mexico in the future.

Capt. Brenton, late of the Royal Navy, who had spent many years on the Mexican Coast, supplemented Miss Hewitt's address, and urged that we hasten to occupy Mexico for the Lord, as the whole country is now open to the Gospel. An impressive service closed with the benediction by Dr. Carroll.

THURSDAY A. M.

Session opened at 9:15, Mrs. Birdsall, of Los Angeles, having charge of the devotions. Opening hymn, "More Love to Thee, O Christ," was followed by reading Jesus' after-dinner talk with his disciples, as recorded by John, 21st chapter, 15-16-17 verses. A short season of prayer was answered by a precious blessing from the Father. After singing "Nearer My God to Thee," the business session was opened, Mrs. Stalker presiding. Minutes of previous session read and approved. The motion with regard to Miss Russell's salary was taken up for consideration. Mrs. O'Neal offered to amend the motion by substituting the Kampti work for Miss Russell's support. Accepted. Mrs. Spencer, Kummer and Seymour spoke against giving up any work, believing that the darkest hour was upon us, and that after the election times would brighten and we ought not to think of retrenchment in our foreign work. Mrs. T. Kirk, of San Jose, asked the privilege of giving ten dollars toward the additional $200.00 on Miss Russell's salary for this year. This was quickly followed by other subscriptions until $37.00 was pledged. Mrs. O'Neal spoke again on the financial situation, showing how heavily burdened the officers had been, particu-

larly the Treasurer, and urged that we raise a larger proportion of the appropriation, during the first quarter. The question before us was called, but on motion action was deferred. The motion to resume the publication of *Branch Quarterly* was also deferred for further consideration. Contralto solo, "Jerusalem," was finely rendered. Report from Mrs. L. M. Van Deventer, Secretary of Nevada Conference, was read by the Secretary and adopted. Report of Arizona Missionary Conference, Mrs. G. F. Bovard was called; no report. Report of German Work, Mrs. C. F. Meyer, was read by the Secretary and adopted. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O'Neal, gave a report full of inspiration. In the face of discouragements, with trial and sacrifice, the work advances at home, and abroad the fields are white for the harvest. The generous giving of the new Ku Cheng Auxiliary puts us to shame, and shows us the need of giving to the Lord systematically. See report. Report of the "Committee on Proportionate and Systematic Giving," Mrs. S. F. Johnson, was read by the Secretary and adopted. On motion the discussion of this question was set for a later hour, that we might receive Dr. Harris and his Japanese friends who were present. Dr. Harris was invited to speak, but declined in favor of Brother Ito, a Japanese gentleman—a serious, earnest Christian who had helped to lay the foundation of the Christian Church in Japan—visiting our country for a few weeks only. Brother Ito's address was full of thought. He followed the development of Christianity from its first introduction into Japan, when the severest penalties attended its profession by the natives; every thing foreign was prohibited from Japan—thus laying, by opposition a strong foundation for the future Church in the strong convictions necessary to true converts and faithful service. Through the second epoch, when the Japanese, awaking to the superiority of western civilization, opened their country to foreigners, and welcomed every thing foreign, and looked upon Christianity as the cause of success, counting *all* foreigners Christians—down to the present time—when realizing that with the advantages many inferior things came from foreign lands, and now, in order to avoid the bad, they are trying to rid themselves of the good also. They subject the Christian doctrines to closest scrutiny, and put great obstacles in the way, but *by these things* will the doctrines *be established*, and Christianity *naturalized* and *adapted* to Japan. Speaking of our schools in Japan, Brother Ito said they were making better Japanese women, and not trying to make Americans of them.

Mrs. Garrette, of the Occidental Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, brought greetings from her Society and encouraged our hearts in the Lord. After prayer by Mrs. Otis Gibson, Dr. Harris pronounced the Benediction, and we adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON.

Session opened by a Praise Service, led by Dr. Harris, Mrs. Stalker presiding. The Minutes were read and approved. The discussion of

"Proportionate and Systematic Giving" brought out many valuable points. Mrs. O'Neal quoted from Bishop Thoburn as follows: "At Wesley Chapel, in Cincinnati, one year, when all the rich people had moved to the hills or to heaven, and only poor people were left to support the church, this plan of giving was adopted by 55 people, who, giving a tenth of their incomes, aggregated $1000.00 more than 450 other equally able, gave without system. Mrs. Cantine gave Dr. O. H. Tiffany's statement—that a penny a day and a shilling a quarter from every member of the M. E. Church would meet all the benevolences of the Church. The pledge was read and cards passed.

Fraternal delegates: from the Baptist Missionary Society of California, Mrs. Hill, who exhorted us to greater faith; Mrs. Wilkes, a missionary from Provost, Utah, formerly of our African mission, was introduced and gave an interesting bit of experience, encouraging our hearts by her cheerful service for the Lord in these out of the way places. A verse of "How firm a foundation" was sung. Mrs. Pattee responded to these greetings with a bright prophecy for the speedy evangelization of the world. Miss Ella Hewitt, our missionary, home from Japan, spoke very interestingly of the work in that field and of missionary experiences. She urged us to pray for our missionaries earnestly and regularly—for the 2 cents a week is so incomplete and inadequate without the prayer, and write to your missionaries—letters are so welcome to us.

Dr. Harris introduced the new Japanese pastor, one month from Japan, who has left his wife and family there, and will spend three or four years here studying, to prepare himself for more successful work among his own people. He spoke a few words expressing his belief in the final triumph of the Gospel in Japan, when she would come out from under the dark cloud of unbelief and bow the knee to Jesus. Dr. Harris said further that the Japanese brethren, under the impelling power of the love of God, make many sacrifices for Christ's sake. Their experiences in many respects are apostolic. They go to Conference with their pitchers and, waiting before the Lord, get them full, and go home with rivers of salvation flowing through their souls in Christ Jesus.

Miss Lake, a Deaconess, working among the women and children in Chinatown, was surprised to find them just like us. Was happy in pointing them to Jesus. She spoke of the difficulty in making them understand the disinterested motive of Christian workers in their behalf, and of their gratitude when Gospel light has finally reached their hearts.

Dr. Bushnell came to bring the regrets of Dr. Ungant, a missionary of the Lutheran Church, of forty years' experience in India. Dr. Ungant had been expected to speak for us, but sudden illness made it impossible.

Mrs. Woodcock's report of Southern California Conference was full of encouragement—a good year in spite of hard times. Special mention was made of the Piru Auxiliary, who sent a report, though unable

to be present. Though few in numbers, they are mighty in faith and good works, and plan large things for next year.

Mrs. Nowlin exhibited a valuable Japanese curio, with a history. "A section of a cable, ten inches in diameter, made of human hair—the original being one mile in length. It was made for use in the construction of the Temple at Kioto. The workmen finding it difficult to hold the building together with bamboo—it being their custom to tie the timbers until permanently fastened. The priest sent word to the women of the province that only by cutting off their hair, and twisting it into a cable to tie the timbers could the temple be completed and their angry god appeased. The sacrifice was made. A touching example of their devotion." Are we as willing?

A convincing paper by Mrs. Brown of University as to the value of the Woman's Home Missionary Society entitled, "The Relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the Church." "Does it Help or Hinder," was read by Mrs. Umsted. Rev. Chan Hon Fan, pastor of the Chinese Mission, was introduced and made a stirring speech, after which he and three other Chinese gentlemen rendered "Pardon at the Cross for Me" very finely. The Committee on Resolutions reported by Mrs. Pattee, accepted. The motion to ask aid from some other Branch to carry a part of our work this year was voted on and lost. The Question Drawer in Mrs. P. B. Searle's charge, elicited much that was instructive and suggestive. Rev. Beattie pronounced the benediction and we adjourned till evening.

Thursday Evening.—The evening with Dr. Masters and the Chinese missions proved most delightful. Mrs. Heacock presided. Service opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name;" Mrs. Heacock read John 15th chapter for a scripture lesson and led in prayer. After singing "The Morning Light is Breaking," Mrs. Heacock gave a little personal experience followed by Mrs. Stalker. Little Clara Chan, the Chinese pastor's daughter, recited very quaintly "When I'm a Woman." A trio of little girls, also Chinese, sang very sweetly, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." Dr. F. J. Masters made a most eloquent address on the progress of Christianity in China during twenty years. Twenty years ago Chinese scholars were under death sentence, who dared to teach the language to a foreigner. In 1877, at the M. E. Chinese Conference in Shanghai, there were 1300 converts reported. In 1895 there were 65,000 openly professing Christ and 180,000 worshippers who prayed every day to God. Eighteen provinces are now open and Imperial edicts protect those who preach and teach. Three heathen temples are converted into Christian homes of worship and a fourth is being negotiated for. Dr. Masters referred to those who question the sincerity of Chinese converts and closed by saying, "The Christians of Foochow will bear comparison with the Christians of any country and any period, from St. Stephen down to the heroic days of Smithfield. The two sons of Rev. Siu Sek Ong of Foochow Conference, who represented

that Conference in General Conference eight years ago, were present, having recently arrived from China to pursue their studies in our country, the elder one in his father's profession, the younger in the study of medicine. Dr. Masters introduced the elder, Brother Siu, who made his first public address in the English language, acquired in our Foochow school. The late hour made it necessary to close without the further exercises arranged for. We joined in the doxology and Dr. Masters pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY A. M.

Miss Benson, Superintendent of the Deaconess' work on the coast, led our devotions. After singing "Standing on the Promises" Miss Benson exhorted us to a more earnest exercise of faith. Mrs. Cantine and Mrs. Searle led in prayer and we sang, "My Faith Looks up to Thee." After the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Cantine announced that Dr. Harris had seen the railroad officials and they had kindly granted the rebate, notwithstanding the small number of certified tickets. The Committee on Enrollment reported, accepted. The question of publishing the Branch Quarterly was resumed. It was decided to wait till January and try to get a sufficient subscription to cover the cost of publication. The Secretary was instructed to send a report to the California Advocate with names of principal officers and secure, at lowest possible rates, 150 copies of the paper to be sent to the Auxiliaries. Auxiliary societies were particularly requested to try and and raise one-half their annual dues the first quarter. The Committee on By-laws reported, adopted. Roll call showed fifty persons present entitled to vote. Mrs. Pattee of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Sara Searle, of San Jose, were appointed tellers, and the election of officers resulted as follows: (see second page.) Mrs. O'Neal read a letter from Mrs. Elsam, giving an interesting glimpse of our work in Kampti, particularly the joy of the children over their Christmas boxes. A collection of eight dollars was taken to send Mrs. Elsam to buy Christmas gifts for them, it being too late to send a box for this year. After the standing Committees were filled, Mrs. Umsted took charge of the Children's Hour. "Throw out the Life Line" was sung, by two little girls, very sweetly, a recitation, "Help the Missionaries" by little Miss Burton; song, "If You Cannot on the Ocean," Miss Emma Copendick.

Mrs. Umsted's report followed. Some questions as to how to keep up an interest in the "Little Light Bearers," brought out the suggestion of L. L. Bearer's Receptions. They had been a success in the South. Master Wm. Henry Rice, from the Episcopal Church, Alameda, rendered "O Promise Me," on the cornet, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Morton, most charmingly. Mrs. Stalker introduced the new President, Mrs. C. V. Kummer, and turned over to her the gavel, presented by Brother Early, since gone to Heaven. Mrs. Kummer received the trust graciously, and pledged her faithful service to the Branch. Mrs. Masters offered a resolution commending Miss Benson's work,

the San Francisco Bible and Training School and Deaconess Home, to our consideration and support. Carried.

Mrs. O'Neal invited the Annual Meeting, for 1897, to Pasadena First Church—which was unanimously accepted. Miss Templeton reported the work of Bro. Lem Foon in Southern China. Three girls are supported by Californian women in Bro. Lem Foon's district; but, as he has no school, they are sent to Hong Kong. A memorial was presented asking for a missionary lady to be sent to Southern China to Bro. Lem Foon's aid.

The report of the Publication Committee was given and adopted.

The Minutes of the day were read and approved. We adjourned to meet in Pasadena the second Wednesday in October, 1897 by singing —"God be with you till we meet again," and Bro. Beattie, of Chester Street Church, pronounced the benediction.

A Consecration Service was held immediately after adjournment, led by Mrs. Seymour. More than one hundred persons joined hands and solemnly dedicated themselves to faithful service for the year—a fitting close to three remarkable days.

LURA C. SPENCER, Rec. Sec.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Early in the year the California Conference Organizer, Mrs. Marian Taylor, with Mrs. W. S. Bovard, organized several Young Peoples Societies and a Senior Auxiliary at Howard street. All of these were in San Francisco. The Howard-Street Auxiliary has made a vigorous growth and bids fair to outstrip many of the older societies. Three of the District Secretaries in this Conference have moved out of their district. One of them, Mrs. W. S. Bovard, has gone to New England. She has been a successful worker, and we can ill afford to spare her for the two years she will remain in the East.

Mrs. M. C. Hackley, Secretary of Oakland District, asks to be relieved of the duties of her office. One of our pioneer workers, she has been our steadfast, faithful friend through all the years, and has her reward in the loving appreciation of all her fellow-workers.

The greatest change that will come to this Conference will be the voluntary retirement of its sweet, saintly Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Searle, our first standard-bearer in the North, who heroically held the fort at the head of the pioneer auxiliary at First Church, San Jose, for a weary while, and hailed with delight the coming of Mrs. Mary C. Nind, who organized a constituency for Mrs. Searle, that made her a Conference Secretary in fact as well as in name. In six and one-half years we have seen the work grow under her hands from one organization to forty-four; and from a feeble, uncertain effort, to a mighty, intelligent force that, with steady, persistant zeal, is pushing this glorious "battle to the gates."

We rejoice in the fact that we shall not lose her, but that her very best will always be given to our beloved work. The latest aggressive work done in the California Conference was planned by the Secretary of Sacramento District, Mrs. Kinsey, and produced the fruitful harvest of her patient seed-sowing of the two years just past. Thirteen appointments were in the itinerary she had arranged for Mrs. Lucy Drake Osborne and the Branch Corresponding Secretary. One of these was dropped for lack of time to reach it. In three other places the pastors saw difficulties in the way that would greatly militate against our meetings at the dates assigned them; but at Newcastle, Nevada City, Grass Valley, Chino, Red Bluff, Marysville, Sixth-Street (Sacramento), and Oak Park (Sacramento), both pastors and people gave our cause a hearty welcome and response. A good list of members were secured at

each place named, and a partial or complete organization was formed in each place, except Sixth Street, where one already existed, and Grass Valley, where our good Sister Willis will complete the work. The itinerary wheel has graciously supplied the vacancy made by Mrs. Kinsey's removal by putting Mrs. Willis in her stead.

The Nevada Conference has made a large percentage of growth in auxiliaries. Year after year our hearts have been cheered by the reports of the plucky little Reno Auxiliary, holding its own so bravely in the Sierras, without seeing the faces or grasping the hands of its fellow-workers of the Pacific Branch, but today three new auxiliaries stand up to be counted with Reno, and Sister Van Deventer is rejoicing that her years of labor has produced such blessed results.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

In Southern California Conference renewed fidelity to our cause has characterized the work of the year. Whenever financial burdens pressed us heaviest we were sure to hear that the auxiliaries were devising ways for increasing their receipts, and manifesting an intense personal interest in the success of the work that has been like a sweet balm of relief to the weary workers at the helm. Where so many have done bravely, it scarcely seems fair to mention any *one*, but the older ones will excuse the mention of North Pasadena, one of our youngest auxiliaries which has paid into the treasury this year $53.40. Most of this success is due to the steady effort and generosity of one woman.

With heavy hearts we yield to the inevitable and release the beloved Secretary of this Conference from her official duties. We have hoped all the year that her health would improve so that we might still retain her valuable services, but the months have brought no relief, and with great reluctance we have been compelled to grant her request and relieve her from duty.

CALIFORNIA GERMAN CONFERENCE.

Sister Meyer, Secretary of German work, is a marvel of persistent zeal. "Instant in season and out of season," her quiet, patient, faithful work is being rewarded by unwonted success. Seven flourishing auxiliaries are doing good service, while ten churches, where there are no auxiliaries, have sent donations that have greatly helped us in our financial straits. Seventy-five German "Friends" are taken. If the other auxiliaries in our branch would reach the average subscriptions per member, for W. M. F., that our German sisters do for their paper, we would have 3000 subscribers, more than six times our present number.

We sincerely regret the removal of Mrs. Meyer from Los Angeles, where she was wont to cheer us with her modest reports of success at our branch meetings.

FOREIGN WORK.

In Northwest India Meerut has come in for a large share of our interest and prayers, from the fact that Miss Marks has been there through the year instead of at Pauri, as we had expected her to be. Her health seems fully restored, and she has done a good year's work in the educational department of the boarding-school. She is the Health-officer and general efficient help in every department. Miss Lawson writes, August 25th: "Just now Miss Marks has a lot of sick folks to care for. Not long ago we had a case of cholera in our compound which she treated successfully. She is getting the language nicely and loves the native work very much. Our work is hopeful and our people are growing spiritually."

Mrs. Whitby, one of our oldest and best workers is our representative at Ajmere. She needs a native assistant in the school and pleads for a W. F. M. S. woman from America to be sent to Ajmere as soon as possible.

The school is needing a new roof badly. "The girls spend hours dodging the leaks" is an argument that needs no explanation.

Our dear Sister De Songa is in failing health, and her rest in the hills gave her no permanent strength.

A daughter of Dennis Osborne and wife of the Presiding Elder of Ajmere District, she has given her valuable life a sacrifice to India, the home of her birth, and if it be God's will to soon release her from toil and suffering, "her works will follow her," and the influence of her holy life will go down through all the ages between today and the millennium. She still directs the work of our Ajmere Bible Women, and rejoices in the results of their seed-sowing throughout the district.

NORTH INDIA.

Miss Easton has had a busy year at Sitapur, and the school is flourishing under her faithful oversight. Our missionaries have had an unusually busy year, judging from the meagre reports we have had from them, but much of this is attributable to the absence of many of our regular correspondents from their work while attending General Conference. Our scholarship letters from Pauri have just reached us from busy Mrs. Gill. Miss Kyle reached Pauri late in July and is lifting the burdens off Mrs. Gill, yet owing to sickness and death of native teachers, the work of caring for a boarding school with 100 pupils, nine classes in two little rooms, we may well imagine that neither Mrs. Gill nor Miss Kyle have many leisure hours. Miss Kyle has a room in Mrs. Gill's house, but keeps house in a little cottage that is in constant danger of tumbling down. The new buildings are provided for, and the work of erection begun. These are at Gudoli, two miles from Pauri, whither the Orphanage will be removed.

Our Pacific Branch scholars are doing well. Some of the older ones

have gone to Muttra Training School to prepare themselves for Bible work.

Twenty of the scholars are too small to attend school, and Miss Kyle is hoping to open a Kindergarten for them next year.

At Bareilly Mattie Wood, the young woman who has been supported sixteen years by Mrs. J. A. Wood, has married and left the Orphanage.

BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

From our work in Kampti we hear of enlargement of the work and consequently increasing needs which we would gladly supply if we could.

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Miss Stephens is our very best correspondent and keeps us in constant touch with her work.

A blessed spiritual influence pervades her school. An unselfish Christ-like spirit full of simple trusting faith and evangelistic power characterizes the girls, and we rejoice to know that among the leading spirits in this blessed life and work she numbers our five Pacific Branch girls.

A most interesting report comes to us from Mrs. Walker at Bangalore, telling of the encouraging work of our Bible women, Elizabeth and Priscilla. These two faithful women have paid 2095 visits in 276 homes during the year, and many have been reached by the Holy Spirit through their labors. A few have been baptized. Others have promised to come out, but so far have not had the courage to do so.

JAPAN CONFERENCE.

Miss Russell has finished her first year at Aoyamo in excellent health and increasing interest in her work. She passed her course of study for the first year and lapped over on the second year's course somewhat. When vacation came she looked longingly across the Pacific toward California as a refuge from the fleas aud heat of Japan, but found a cool retreat among congenial friends near the foot of Fuji-Yama.

Miss Russell took with her when she sailed from America a little daughter of Japan sent out by the good women of Berkeley for an education among her own people with a view to future work among them. We have had letters from her and about her, from which we gather that she is a lovely Christian girl, winning the hearts of her teachers and fellow-pupils by her unassuming manners and christian work.

She is a good scholar and we trust her useful life may long be spared.

HAMILTON GIRLS' SCHOOL, HINGHUA.

Mrs. Brewster has secured a most excellent matron for the school.

The rule has been to receive no pupils under twelve years of age, but recently they have taken a few little tots on a ten years' contract. This

gives extra trouble, but the ten years of training in a Christian home pays a hundred fold in the earnest, intelligent Christian workers it produces. The girls of this school come from all parts of the district, which has a church membership of 5000. They are fine students and are never satisfied with less than 98 or 100 in their examinations. One of the teachers, the wife of a native preacher, had taken a four years' course in school before her marriage, but has been so diligent in her studies, mostly done in the evening with her husband, that she is the capable teacher of girls in the sixth and seventh years' course. An earnest religious spirit pervades the school and Epworth League meetings are seasons of spiritual power and uplifting.

BENGAL, BURMAH.

Our reports from our Pacific Branch work at Calcutta, Rangoon and Pakur have been so meagre that we have had to depend on printed reports for information concerning them. We know that our girls in the two places first-named are giving great satisfaction to our missionaries, both by their diligent scholarship and their earnest faithful Christian labors.

Of our orphans at Pakur we know nothing except that the printed report says "the girls in the Orphanage are doing well." Your Corresponding Secretary has written again and again to all the places where we have girls or Bible women, and while some have responded satisfactorily, others have never sent us a line. The unusual pressure of work on the few because of absent ones at General Conference will in part account for this delinquency.

CHINA.

At Hing Hua the Hamilton Girls' school has been crowded to overflowing. When warm weather came many of the scholars had to sleep in the school-room on tops of tables. Though the plague was all about them, none of the scholars were sick during the year. Our missionaries were driven out of this place by the Kueheng massacre in August, 1895, but returned January, 1896, to find that the native helpers had kept all the mission work in the best condition.

CENTRAL CHINA.

We can almost believe that we have been to Chinkiang this year, since the visit of Dr. Hoag and Miss Robinson to our Branch. What they have told us concerning the work and people there, together with the intensely interesting letters of Miss White and our own Dr. Taft we know more of the home-life and characteristics of the women and children of that model mission home than we do of any other mission.

Dr. Taft writes at the close of her first year in China that it is the shortest year of her life. She has accomplished much, and yet in view of the vastness of unaccomplished work, she feels that she has not

begun the work in China, and has only just begun to study the language.

The working force in Chinkiang has been so small that she has not been able to give the time to the study of the language that she ought, and when she wrote last she was in doubt whether Miss Robinson would return to China this fall, and Miss White had been telegraphed to sail to America from Japan, where she had gone for strength that did not come to her there, With the two doctors in charge of Home, School and Dispensary, the chances to study seemed to diminish. But we are glad to know that Miss R. has gone to China and taken Miss Deaver, a new missionary, with her. So we hope that the new reinforcements will make all the work more easy and comfortable.

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE AUXILIARIES.

We have not heard from our Foochow Auxiliary, but the Kucheng Auxiliary has sent during the year $100 to the Branch Treasurer, and has been used according to their directions, "in some needy field." It has been applied on Mrs. Whitby's salary in Ajimere, India.

If sacrifice and devotion can add efficacy to money, surely this offering should bring forth a hundredfold, for out of their penury they have cast in all the living that they had. This money came from the sale of fancy articles made by these native women and sold by Miss Hartford when she was in America.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

AUXILIARIES.	MEMBERS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
Los Angeles, First Church Y. W. M. S.	45	$127 00
Los Angeles, First Church Y. P. M. S.	33	23 00
East Los Angeles	31	
University	45	92 40
Pasadena, First Church Y. W. M. S.	96	103 00
Pasadena, Wesley Band	57	10 00
Long Beach	29	15 45
Santa Monica	18	24 00
Pomona	21	30 00
Whittier	18	17 90
Riverside	48	153 00
Ontario	16	33 00
Colton	15	10 00
Los Angeles Zion German	8	13 00
Oakland First Church Y. W. M. S.	50	76 00
San Jose	20	73 00
East Oakland, Eighth avenue Y. P. S. C. E.	25	
Berkeley, Christian Endeavor		30 00
Trinity, San Francisco	20	4 00
Simpson	25	
Modesto		40 00
Total	630	$874 75

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

The enlistment of Mrs. Marian Taylor in the Young Woman's Work brought a delightful feeling of comradeship with this beloved laborer, and a release from the burden of responsibility for the California Conference. The growth in auxiliaries and members is due to the zeal and wisdom with which she has presented the cause to the churches she has visited. Endowed with the gifts and graces which attract the young, she has found easy access to their hearts, and where no obstacles were put in her way secured their co-operation. In December she organized at Simpson, San Francisco, with 25 members, and in February at Trinity with 40 members.

Mrs. Lena Bovard has rendered valuable service in creating and maintaining interest among the young people. In March the Young People's Society of 8th avenue, East Oakland, resolved itself with an Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. and undertook the support of an orphan in India. Faithful Ten, Oakland, supports a Bible Woman in India and an orphan in Japan. They adopted Miss Marks as their Special Missionary, secured her picture, informed themselves about her work, and sent her tokens of loving remembrance. They recommend the plan to other Auxiliaries.

A number of the young people of Berkeley, under the supervision of Miss Marston, have supported a Bible Woman in India. "There is a steady increase in missionary spirit among them, and one young man has offered himself for foreign missionary work."

Of San Jose Mrs. Harrold writes: "Our monthly meetings are full of interest. It is the plan to have some one read aloud from Gospel in all Lands, or other missionary paper while the rest are engaged in sewing. The nice warm comforts we are making will be a welcome gift to the Fred Finch Orphanage. The $60 for our Alice Long in the Rangoon Orphanage is paid and we have something beside from our Mite Boxes."

The vigorous Band at Modesto has outgrown her companions and stepped into the ranks of the Y. P. Societies. We bid her cordial welcome and hope she may find us good company.

An Auxiliary was organized at Alameda on the Sabbath following the Annual meeting.

Pasadena Y. W. Society ranks first in point of membership and subscriptions to the Friend, reporting an increase in membership every quarter for four years. Our beloved Lilian Hale Scott sat in their midst for many months and they could not fail to feel the inspiration of her presence. They, as well as other Societies, enjoyed visits from Dr. Hoag and Miss Robinson. An evening they spent with the Young People's

Society of First Church, Los Angeles, was particularly enjoyable to all present.

Lettle Santa Monica is keeping step with this older Society, showing a steady increase in membership. During the summer they were busy preparing a Christmas box.

Zion German Church, Los Angeles, has a Young Woman's Society of eight members who support a Bible Woman in India. This Mission Church has only 65 members! What hinders our work in our English Churches of many times the financial and numerical ability? Is it spiritual debility?

Riverside has had a good year. Financially they have carried off the banner. Spiritually they have had a blessed uplift.

The Easton anniversary was full of enthusiasm. They have sent to their beloved missionary, for her school in Sitapur, a Christmas box containing 60 dressed dolls and many other useful articles. How much it will do to brighten and relieve the homesickness that must creep into the heart at Christmas time!

The multiplication of organizations, together with the financial stringency has prevented First Church, Los Angeles, from reaching the standard of other years. But with persistent effort in spite of a depleted membership, they stand next to Riverside in their contribution to the treasury.

Long Beach organized in March of this year. Through regular channels and by special contributions from individual members, has supported a Bible Woman and two orphans. A Christmas box has been sent to India and 18 names obtained for a block in Dr. Tafts' quilt.

The other Societies on the list, University, Pomona, Whittier, Ontario, Colton, Wesley Band, Pasadena, Young People's Society, Los Angeles, and East Los Angeles, have fulfilled their financial pledges and maintained the home department of their work with commendable zeal.

Sickness and death have invaded the homes of some of our most faithful workers. Ties have been severed and family circles broken, but God has been present to comfort, and their personal grief and loss has only made them more mindful of those who have no refuge in their hour of sorrow. The beloved Secretary of East Los Angeles has entered into rest after many months of suffering. All the Christian graces grew to perfection in the school of affliction, and she went home with a shout of triumph. Now, as of old, "Our people die well."

Asleep in Jesus! O how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet,
With holy confidence to sing
That Death hath lost his venomed sting!

ELEANOR C. SEYMOUR.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF JUVENILE WORK.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF BANDS AND LEAGUES.

	MEMBERS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
First Church, Los Angeles Junior League	112	$10 00
Asbury Wesleys, East Los Angeles	15	20 18
Asbury Gleaners, East Los Angeles	17	7 00
Boyle Heights Junior League	62	3 41
University Band	28	20 00
Florence Band	11	20 00
Alhambra Band	8	15 00
North Pasadena Junior League	30	10 00
Pasadena First Church Junior League	40	15 00
Santa Ana Junior League	20	6 00
San Diego Junior League	20	5 00
Colton Band	33	10 00
Covina Junior League	45	10 00
Glendora Band	22	4 00
Ontario Band	22	31 50
San Bernardino Band	40	14 00
Santa Barbara Band	51	5 00
Piru City Junior League	30	5 00
Pomona Junior League	20	10 00
Pomona Children's Class	10	.....
Monrovia Band	14	.....
Prospect Park	11	5 00
Napa Junior League	20	.....
Berkeley Band	12	.....
San Francisco Junior League	25	.....
College Park Band	35	.....
Berryessa Band	12	.....
San Jose	41	4 00
Total	796	$230 09

There never has been a time in the history of the Methodist Church when there were so many opportunities for the children to work as now. We are coming a little nearer, each year, to the true valuation of the work done by the children. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been the first to take in all. First the women, then our brethren, as honorary members; then the young women and young men; then the girls and boys in the Bands and Leagues; and last of all, our Little Light Bearers. We have taken their hands and made our circle so large that even the youngest join hands with us in our work.

We have prayed for open doors, and lo! the whole world has opened its doors, and we can go, not only *can*, but we are called to go everywhere, even to the *uttermost* parts of the earth. We have prayed for workers and they have come till now we cannot send them fast enough. Do we pray for the silver and gold as fervently as we have for the rest? Ah! if we did, how quickly would the answer come. We know the gold and silver are His, and yet while we pray for open doors and workers from Him, we somehow expect the money from someone else.

We have taken upon us this work; we have interested our young people and little children; now, what are we going to do with them?

As we have opened the doors for the children to become co-workers with us, let us not leave them to blindly grope their way, but let us see to it that they are helped in every way. There is wanted in every Methodist Church in America a woman's hand to help lead these hundreds of children of our great church, a woman's brains and heart to educate them in the missionary work, and lead on this advancing host of future workers without whose help the work would look appalling to us. Let no note of discouragement be heard by them, but let us present it to them a work of love that is to brighten the lives of those who have never had their opportunities, and bring to their own lives the blessedness of giving.

Every church in the Pacific Branch should have a Juvenile Band or a Junior League and take up this work. You can't do any more than you are? Your church is so small, so poor, has so many societies already? Have you any children in your church? Then you can have a Band or League. Too poor? Well, organize a Band and take an orphan to *pray* for. If you will do this, if you will honestly study with these children the need of missionary work and pray for some special orphan or Bible woman, either you or someone else, will support her before the year closes.

We close the year with thankful hearts. God has been very good to us and led us through a year that has been in some ways the most anxious to us because of the anxiety felt by many superintendents over the outtcome for the financial part of the work. On many lines there has been a steady increase and healthy growth. Of many of these young workers we might well learn lessons of devotion, earnestness and trust. There have been in all six new organizations, making a total of 29 that have been reported.

In the Northern California Conference we have 7 organizations. At College Park, in April, Mrs. Bothe organized a Band with 35 members. At Berraessa, in the same month, Mrs. L. E. Beck organized one with 12 members. These "Little Helpers," as they have named themselves, are sure to grow stronger, for at least two reasons, viz: because they *report*, and because feeling their weakness, say they will *try*.

San Jose, our strongest Band in this Conference, is growing little by

little, and seems all in all to be a vigorous child. San Francisco Central Junior League supports one of our Cawnpore girls. Mrs. Weigel writes "Grace Steele is the name of the girl we are working and praying for."

In August, Sister L. T. Bovard held a Light Bearer's reception at Trinity, San Francisco. This was a most enjoyable affair and the result was a list of 16 little Light Bearers.

In the Southern California Conference we have 22 Bands and Leagues, a gain of four during the year. This does not represent all the gain. There has been a steady growth in almost all the old Bands. Nearly all reached their pledges and the orphans and Biblewomen can rejoice over another year's support and happiness.

First Church, Los Angeles, has made the largest gain during the year. It now numbers 112 members. In Sept. they had a "Midsummer Tree" and the fruit it bore has been packed in a box and sent to India.

Asbury, Los Angeles, has had a Band for several years but as it did not quite supply the needs of the children the devoted wife of the pastor organized another, and through the year carried the work of the Wesleys and Gleaners. There have been mite box openings, birthday socials, out-door socials and many other pleasant attractions to secure members and money. In nearly all these has been reported spiritual growth among the children, the outcome of their study of foreign lands and their religions. In the Pacific Branch we have 29 Bands and Leagues with a membership of 761; 184 mite-boxes in use and money raised during the year amounting to $229.46.

Mrs. M. E. Umsted, Superintendent of Juvenile Work.

REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

Another year is closing—a year of work and of prayer—a year of abundant fruit ripened in loving hearts and brought forth by faithful hands. The orphan and the widow have helped to bring the glad tidings of salvation to the lands of darkness, and some larger sums have also been laid down at the feet of Jesus. The largest sum was given to fulfill a vow, for the support of a Bible Woman, Harriete by name, who is at work at Aijmere, India. The next largest sum was ten dollars for a bed in the Chiu Kiang Hospital. Another gift of five dollars was for Korea.

Los Angeles circuit is strong for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Los Angeles First Church has no Auxiliary. Wilmington, a

small country place, stepped into line for regular work, and our Society there has more members than the Church has lady members—eleven in number. They hope to support a Bible Woman next year. Pasadena has an Auxiliary of eight members and circulates 12 Frauen Mission Freunds. At San Bernardino and Perris Missions regular meetings were held, sometimes but two or three being present. They have held the fort under great discouragements. Let us pray for them. There are in all fourteen members, taking 12 papers.

San Diego is the only German Church that has an Auxiliary for Foreign work separate from the Home work. They have twelve members and 15 papers are taken. In the northern part of the State we have no Auxiliaries, but letters have been written to all the charges, and all but two have responded by sending something—from fifty cents up. Sister Bruck, at East Oakland, has distributed 12 Mite Boxes, which gathered for them the sum of $26.00, and they are not slow in Home work. I find that where the knowledge of the work is spread, and the great needs of the Heathen women and children are known, there our sisters are ready to help.

Total number of members		69
Number of Frauen Mission Freund		100
Number of Woman's Missionary Friends		3
Number of Children's Missionary Friends		15
Amounts received from Auxiliaries and Churches,		
Los Angeles Circuit:		
Zion Church	$60 00	
Prospect Park	40 00	
Total		$100 00
Los Angeles, First Church		13 00
East Oakland		26 00
San Diego		12 00
Wilmington		10 50
San Bernardino and Perris Mission		7 00
San Francisco Mission		5 00
Gift for Korea		5 00
Gift for Bible Woman		10 00
Pasadena		3 00
Santa Cruz		3 00
Oakland		3 00
Total		$187 50

Mrs. C. F. Meyer.

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

It is the Christian Church alone, that recognizes those obligations which grow out of the brotherhood of the race, and goes to the uttermost parts of the earth inspired by a love for men for their own sakes, and brings to them messages from Him who hath said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." In this work the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Pacific Branch is doing an honorable part. Four missionaries have already been sent out by this Branch.

Another mile-stone is reached—another year is closed, but in the midst of financial discouragements there has been a gratifying advance along all lines of work in the Conference. New work has been organized, and *more money raised* than in any previous year.

Many changes have come in our work, three of the District Secretaries leave places to be filled. Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Kinsey have given two years of good work on their respective districts. Mrs. L. T. Bovard goes from the Conference, she regretfully leaves the work. For three years she gave herself so emphatically to the secretaryship of the San Francisco district she had almost become part of each Auxiliary. Dear Mrs. Hackley, *our pioneer* District Secretary was appointed to her office in 1890. Through all these years she has done faithful work, her heart and her hands have been given to it in loving devotion.

Mrs. Marian Taylor has organized Auxiliaries in Simpson Memorial, Trinity and Howard street, San Francisco, and prepared the way for new work in Redwood City. She visited the Auxiliaries, giving them instruction and encouragement when they greatly needed such help.

Our special work has increased during the year. Twenty-four Societies are giving their support to this work. Two ladies are supporting special work also, the name of one is not given.

The Auxiliary work has been an improvement on any previous year. Reports have been more prompt and complete. This praise is due especially to the San Francisco District. Every Auxiliary on that District reported promptly and perfectly the last quarter.

Many phases of the work are very encouraging. First Church, Oakland, has one hundred and forty-two members, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Kummer they are very prosperous. They support a girl in Rangoon, one in Madras, and a native Bible Woman in India. Total money for the year, $172.87. This is the banner Auxiliary of the Conference, except in one particular, they report for their 142 members only eight subscribers and an average attendance of ten at monthly meetings, while First Church, San Jose, with fifty-seven members reports twenty-eight subscribers, average attendance *twenty-five*. Eighth Avenue Auxiliary, East Oakland, supports two Bible Readers in India. Berkeley provides for a scholarship in Japan. Alameda Auxiliary supports a Corean girl. The Young Women's Societies of this District are models

of excellence. Other Auxiliaries are doing well. The work on San Francisco District is encouraging: College Park began the year with three members, they now report eighteen. They are supporting a Bible Reader in India, and their Juveniles provide for an orphan. Hollister, Centella, Buryessa, Campbell and First Church, San Jose are doing special work. Reports from many Auxiliaries come to us like rays of sunshine after a chilling storm—and they come from the Auxiliaries who have to struggle hard for every dollar they get. It is really wonderful what a few Godly women can do when fully consecrated to the Master's work. These women know what *sacrifice* means.

We can only report three Auxiliaries on the Sacramento District. The District Secretary speaks very encouragingly of work in Sacramento—is sure they are interested and anxious to do all they can, and in the best possible way. We have large promise of good work in the near future. The Sutter City work is vigorous, they support a girl in Pithoragarh, India.

We think the time has come when something more should be done on the Napa District. In 1895 Mrs. Willis organized three Auxiliaries, and secured the support for an orphan by the Junior League of Fortuna. Eureka and Grizzly Bluff are doing finely. It will be a sad pity to lose any part of this work. Napa Auxiliary is among our best, they are supporting special work in India.

The Annual Conventions have been unusually good this year. The fourth for Oakland District was held in Berkeley, April 24th. All Auxiliaries reported encouragingly. Addresses by Mrs. Marian Taylor and Mrs. Arthur Smith were full of power and beauty. Also addresses of absorbing interest were given by Dr. F. J. Masters, Miss Mindora Berry and others. A sketch of Pacific Branch missionaries by Mrs. Masters was especially interesting. San Francisco District Convention was held in Centella Church, San Jose, April 15th. The attendance was large. The delightful addresses by Mrs. Kummer and Mrs. Taylor, both of Oakland, were listened to with intense interest. The addresses of Fraternal Delegates were gems of thought and elegance. All the Auxiliaries of the District were represented.

The Conference Anniversary held at Pacific Grove Sept. 10th, was a meeting of grand results. The program was brief. Address—"Our Medical Missionaries" by Mrs. R. S. Cantine was full of thought and information; "Watchman Tell us of the Night" was sung responsively; address—"News from the Field," Mrs. Lucy Drake Osborne, late of India. In her wonderful address she held the large audience in breathless attention for over forty minutes. She has a marvelous way of getting down into the hearts of the people, then into their purses, when she said a collection was next in order, all seemed anxious to wait for it, which in coin and pledges amounted to $160. Last year a lady of the Southern Conference was looking after causes of failure in the work. After careful searching she propounded this query: "Why do the num-

ber of subscribers to Woman s Missionary Friend and the average attendance at the monthly meetings *so nearly* agree? Will Auxiliaries think of this? If you wish to increase attendance at monthly meetings get your people to read our literature.

SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries	25
Young People's Societies	9
Juvenile Bands	7
Sunday School, Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	2
Societies doing Special Work	24
Number of members in Auxiliaries	712
Subscribers to Woman's Missionary Friend	108
Subscribers to Children's Missionary Friend	
New Life members	10
Total money from California Conference	$1578.12
Increase above last year	274.03

MRS. PHOEBE B. SEARLE,
Conference Secretary.

REPORT OF NEVADA MISSION W. F. M. S.

Interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Nevada Mission is finding expression in increased activity. Reno has an enterprising Auxiliary with Mrs. J. E. Stubbs for President, and Mrs. Clara Ward, Corresponding Secretary. The meetings are held the second Friday in each month and are of great interest.

The Study always furnishing food for thought and topic for discussion. The question, "How to make our Meetings Interesting," is never presented. Short articles in harmony with the Study subject, from the Woman's Missionary Friend, and from leaflets, are often read. During the spring and summer months the meetings have been helped by special invitations in homes of the members. Simple refreshments are served at the close of the exercises.

The special work for the year has been the Life Membership of Mrs. J. A. Bready, the Pastor's wife. Ten cents each for names for an Album Quilt, to be presented to the Auxlliary's prospective Bible Reader in India, a public collection, and an offering from the Junior League, has furnished all needed funds.

The Antelope Valley Auxiliary organized during the year with Mrs. Stella King, President, and Mrs. Sarah Richey, Corresponding Secretary. They went to work with a zeal for the cause most commend-

able. Equipped with the Study, the Friend, and other literature for intelligent action, some definite work was immediately considered.

The President, Sister King, who had so lately assumed the duties of a Pastor's wife, could find a place for a gift that should be a reminder of friends of early days. The snug little sum of thirteen dollars was the price of names for the quilt. This, with the membership dues, found its way into the Branch Treasury, to increase a thousand-fold in the Master's hands.

Cedarville, with Mrs. L. Winson, President, and Miss Minnie Kirtler, Corresponding Secretary, was organized late in the Conference year. The new year will show that Surprise Valley, always to the front, is not lacking in loyalty and liberality to the grand cause of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Quincy, with Miss Mattie Goodwin, Secretary, paid dues for a number of members. This charge only awaits the leadership of the Pastor's wife, Sister Childs, who has already reported for duty, to perfect the organization and begin active work.

The outlook for the year to come is hopeful for the organization of a number of Auxiliaries.

LUCY M. VAN DEVENTER,
Corresponding Secretary.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

My Fifth Annual Report of the Southern California Conference is presented with mingled feelings of sadness and pleasure—sadness, because after a year of unprecedented financial gain there should this year be a decrease in the money receipts. Whether this is in part due to relaxation of effort, or to the increased exertion in our Conference in behalf of other benevolences, or wholly the result of changed financial conditions can not be determined. Though difficulties have so beset the way that much we have needed

> "The instinct that can tell
> That God is on the field, when He
> Is most invisible,"

yet I am happy to be able to report that in nothing has there been a decline save in the amount of money raised.

The new organizations are Long Beach and Hueneme Auxiliaries, Long Beach and Colton Young People's Societies, and Juvenile Societies in Asbury, Los Angeles, South Riverside, Boyle Heights, Los Angeles,

Pomona and Monrovia—a total of nine, though the increase is but seven, as two of our never vigorous Societies of the Fresno District must be numbered with the dead. The gain in members is 187. There is also a small addition to the list of subscribers to The Woman's Missionary Friend.

Twenty-five Societies have this year largely advanced in their contributions and are worthy of mention if space would permit. Among the notable instances is Piru, which, though a small Church, has by the generosity of her own people, assisted by Mrs. D. C. Cook, (whose home is in another Branch) the large sum of $235.00 to her credit on our books. North Pasadena did nobly as did Union Avenue, Los Angeles, which, though struggling with burdensome enterprises, found it possible, because of their zeal, to raise for Woman's Foreign Mission work, $62.00. Other Auxiliaries have fallen below their aim, though striving hard. Of the fifty-four remaining Societies, many have not reached the record of last year. Some of the strongest Auxiliaries are in this number, but will, it is hoped, in the coming year regain their former standing.

Some changes in the District Officers occurred with the opening of the year. Los Angeles District was fortunate in securing, to take the vacant place of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. E. M. Pattee, whose gifts and long experience in many important official relations to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, commanded at once the confidence and co-operation of those with whom she labored. She has not only looked well to the care of her own field, but has cheerfully answered calls to labor elsewhere. Of the new Societies seven are in this District. The other offices are filled by capable and devoted women.

Mrs. M. A. Russell, who stepped into official ranks as Associate with Mrs. J. N. VanCleve, the two being Corresponding Secretaries of Fresno District, has given her best efforts to develop and improve what was committed to her care. Both Secretaries have had the discouragements incident to their being so separated by distance from their Auxiliaries and from other parts of the Conference and the Branch.

The officers of the San Diego District are all women who have a mind to work. Mrs. F. W. Hart, Corresponding Secretary, has added to the regular duties of her office, all of which have been conscientiously and efficiently performed, the task of superintending the Autograph Spread prepared by the women of her District, with some help from Los Angeles District, for our Dr. Gertrude Taft. She has had the reward of seeing the completed gift which represents so much thought of one of our dear Missionaries, and was the means of bringing at least $110.00 into the Branch Treasury.

The two Riverside Auxiliaries have lovingly remembered their Celesta Easton of Sitapur, India, with a like token and have in this way raised $50.00. The anniversary of Miss Eason's departure from them was observed this year, as last, by a public meeting, when $150 toward her salary was pledged.

Los Angeles and San Diego Districts have each had two Conventions, and one of a more general character was held at Long Beach. All were largely attended and fruitful of good results in the greater enthusiasm, and better preparation for service of those in attendance, and in the unifying of the work of the District and Conference.

The great distances separating our societies of the Fresno District, together with expensiveness of travel, as of old, have seemed insuperable obstacles in the way of bringing the workers together for counsel, and thus the work has been greatly hindered.

Thank Offering Services were very generally held by the Auxiliaries of the Conference and many public meetings in the various Churches, and we hold in grateful remembrance the helpful service of our loved and honored missionaries, Dr. Hoag, Mrs. Lilian H. Scott and Miss Mary Robinson who were present on many of these occasions.

The usual Conference Anniversary was held when to an excellent address by Rev. A. Inwood was added the privilege of having Miss Phelps from Japan with us. Delightful Christian song added much to the interest and pleasure of the occasion. A collection of $30.00 was taken.

No year of our history has shown greater fidelity on the part of Auxiliary members and officers. From sick rooms or from homes overtaken with disaster, or from the overburdened toiler has come often the report or other evidence of devotion to duty.

> "Better the toil of fields like these
> Than waking dream and slothful ease."

In laying down the work so unexpectedly entrusted to me five years ago, and undertaken with such misgiving, I would that much more had been accomplished, but these years have not been without *some* fruitage from the seed sowing of other years. The thirty-seven Societies bequeathed to me have grown to eighty-six; 1017 members have increased to 2499, while money receipts have nearly doubled. Taking into account that a much larger proportion of our membership is among the young people and children than was the case five years ago, it appears that the average amount paid by the women of our Auxiliaries has also increased.

Two District organizations have been affected in these years so that now each District has an Association.

The work, always dear to me, has become more dear year by year as have also my beloved associates in office and co-laborers of the various Auxiliaries to whom my heart is bound by ties not to be broken. May God's blessing ever abide on both the work and the workers.

The present condition is in some measure represented by the following table of statistics:

	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Young People's Societies.	No. of Members.	No. of Juvenile Societies.	No. of Members.	Total Organizations.	Total members.	Subscribers to W. M. F.	Money Receipts.
Fresno District.....	8	174			1	51	9	225	23	$ 298 14
Los Angeles Dist....	24	595	9	372	12	375	45	1342	213	2,340 76
San Diego District..	20	401	4	97	8	222	32	720	86	1,200 72
Total.....	52	1170	13	469	21	648	86	2287	322	$3,839 62
Miscellaneous Receipts.....										37 42
Receipts from Conference Treasurer.....										28 00
Grand Total.....										$3,905 04
New Life Members.....										50
Honorary Managers.....										4
Orphans, Scholars and Bible Women supported.....										84

Respectfully submitted,

MARY F. WOODCOCK,
Conference Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending September 30, 1896.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Alhambra	$58 25
Alhambra Band	15 00
Arroyo Grande	28 00
Artesia	13 00
Colton	27 00
Colton Band	10 00
Compton	33 55
Covina	35 20
Covina Band	5 00
Elsinore	1 10
Escondido	38 40
Fallbrook	6 75
Florence	23 61
Florence Band	20 00
Fresno	41 03
Garden Grove	38 00
Glendale	50 50
Glendora	32 00
Highlands	17 15
Hueneme	7 50
Lompoc	84 00
Long Beach	30 17
Long Beach Y. W. S.	15 45
Los Angeles—	
Asbury	66 22
Asbury Y. W. S.	19 63
Asbury Wesleys	20 08
Asbury Gleaners	4 47
Boyle Heights	50 00
Boyle Heights Y. P. S.	2 00
Epworth	25 57
First Church	226 60
First Church Y. W. S.	127 75
First Church Y. P. S.	21 80
First Church Band	10 00
Central	93 50
Simpson	77 00
University	153 25
University Y. W. S.	92 40
University Band	20 00
Vincent	40 50
Union Avenue	62 00
Grace	1 00
Ontario	149 40
Ontario Y. W. S.	33 95
Ontario Band	30 50
Manzana	30 36
Monrovia	28 05
Monrovia League	2 00
North Pasadena	53 40
Orange	17 30
Pasadena—	
First Church	204 00
First Church Y. W. S.	103 00
First Church Wesleys	10 00
First Church League	20 00
Piru	231 25
Pomona	96 25
Pomona Y. W. S.	30 00
Pomona Band	10 00
Redlands	50 40
Riverside	173 00
Riverside Y. W. S.	153 00
Rialto	11 30
Santa Barbara	69 50
Santa Barbara Band	5 00
Santa Ana	35 00
Santa Ana Band	6 00
San Bernardino	17 30
San Bernardino Band	14 00
San Diego, Central	26 00
San Diego, Central Band	5 00
San Diego, First Church	103 50
San Fernando	15 76
Santa Paula	30 50
Santa Monica	46 00
Santa Monica Y. W. S.	24 00
San Jacinto	41 75
South Riverside	26 22
South Pasadena	66 00
Tulare	20 65
Waukena	11 00
Whittier	69 00
Whittier Y. W. S.	17 20
Miscellaneous—	
Delano	2 85
Goleta	4 75
Los Angeles District	1 75
Grangeville	1 00
Central Avenue	1 00
National City	5 00
Sou. Cal. Conf. Treas.	28 00
Collections	31 37
Total	$3,871 49

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Alameda	$63	00
Berryessa	31	85
Berkeley First Church	38	80
Berkeley Y. W. S.	30	00
Berkeley Band	15	00
Campbell	23	60
College Park	43	00
Eureka	29	15
Haywards	10	00
Hollister	34	45
Modesto Young People	40	00
Napa	43	00
Oakland—		
First Church	167	37
First Church Y. W. S.	76	00
Eighth Avenue	58	45
Eighth Ave. Y. P. S.	20	00
Chester Street	7	60
Pacific Grove	36	75
Palo Alto	26	20
Sacramento, Central	14	00
Sacramento, Sixth Street	12	00
San Francisco—		
Central	85	10
Grace	16	00
Howard Street	38	00
Powell Street	40	00
Trinity	50	05
Trinity Y. W. S.	4	00
San Jose—		
First Church	74	00
First Church Y. W. S.	73	00
First Church Band	8	00
Centella	47	00
San Leandro	8	00
Sutter City	23	60
Grizzly Bluff	6	00
Miscellaneous—		
Oakdale S. S.	20	00
Gilroy, Mrs. L. C. Gay	20	00
San Francisco District	9	00
Oakland District	15	00
Collection	2	00
Cal. Conf. Treasurer	61	00
Simpson Memorial	2	00
GRAND TOTAL	$1,421	97

GERMAN CONFERENCE.

Los Angeles Circuit	$45	90
Perris	2	00
San Bernardino	2	00
Wilmington	3	50
San Diego	12	00
Prospect Park	40	05
Zion's Church	28	85
Los Angeles First Church	13	00
Camp Meeting	18	00
Miscellaneous	55	70
TOTAL	$221	00

NEVADA CONFERENCE.

Coleville	$18	00
Reno	38	00
TOTAL	$55	00

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

Kee Cheng	$100	00
TOTAL	$100	00

FOREIGN DISBURSEMENTS.

North India	$1,470 00	
North West India	1,689 32	
South India	166 00	
Bombay Conference	535 00	
Bengal, Burma	715 00	
Japan, North	20 00	
Japan, Central	662 00	
Japan, Southern	85 00	
China, North	25 00	
China, Central	580 00	
China, Foochow	20 00	
		6,007 32
Contingent Disbursements		813 15
TOTAL		$6,820 47

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Southern California Conference	$3,871 49	
California Conference	1,421 97	
German Conference	221 00	
Nevada Conference	56 00	
Foochow	100 00	
Branch Receipts	383 00	
		$6,053 46
Balance from Last Year		839 44
TOTAL		$6,892 90
Disbursements	$6,820 47	
Balance on hand	72 43	
		$6,892 90

MRS. Z. L. PARMELEE,

Pacific Branch Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITEE ON PHOTOGRAPHS

Money on hand October 1895	$ 0 00
From sale of photographs	11 75
Total	$11 75
Expenditures for photographs	8 00
Now on hand	$ 3 75
Photographs on hand October 1895	208
Purchased	74
Total	282
Photographs sold	67
Now on hand	215

Respectfully submitted, ANNA M. DAVIS.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

Blanks for District Secretary	$ 4 50
Printing Annual	94 25
Programs	7 00
Printing Branch Quarterly	16 00
Printing 3000 envelopes	3 00
Printing cards	4 50
Treasurer's and Corresponding Secretary's blanks	6 00
Printing Com. Proportionate Giving	6 00
	$141 25

L. C. SPENCER, Chairman.

MITE BOX REPORT.

			Postage
Sept. 30. '95	Mite boxes on hand	389	
Oct. 22.	Sent to Mrs. O'Neal, Fresno, Cal	100	paid
Oct. 22.	Sent to Miss J. Crum, Los Angeles	289	paid
Jan. 2. '96	Mite boxes received	1000	
Jan. 3.	Sent to Mrs. W. A. Benshoff, Pasadena	25	$ 07
Jan. 3.	Sent to Miss J. Crum, Los Angeles	11	04
Jan. 3.	Sent to Mary L. Covert, Riverside	125	35
Jan. 6.	Sent to Mrs. L. Chandler, S. F.	12	
Jan. 27.	Sent to Mrs. C. S. King, San Bernardino	25	08

Mar. 2.	Sent to Mrs. C. Markley, Fresno, Cal....	50	14
Mar. 9.	Sent to Mrs. H. Stevenson, Long Beach	25	09
Apr. 18.	Sent to G. L. Martin, San Francisco.....	26	08
Apr. 20.	Sent to Miss Clark, Eureka, Cal.....	40	12
July 17.	Sent Mrs. Bothe, College Park.....	50	21
Aug. 26.	Sent to Mrs. Winsor, Cedarville.....	25	07
Aug. 26.	Sent to Mrs. Richey, Topaz.....	25	07
			$1 32
Sept. 30.	1896 Mite boxes on hand.....	561	
		1389 1389	
Postage.....			$ 1 32
Jan. 3, 1896,	1000 mite boxes.....		10 00
			$11 32

Mrs. H. E. Wright,
607 Guerrero St,. San Francisco, Cal.

REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The Supply Department brings a report which doubles that of last year. Wherever the supplies have been this year they have greatly enjoyed being the silent partner in the missionary work. It has been our privilege to attend the Quarterly Meetings in First and Union avenue Churches, Los Angeles, the District meetings at South Pasadena and Piru City, the Long Beach Camp Meeting and the Conference in Simpson Church, Los Angeles. The work in the north has not been neglected, Mrs. Kummer will report more fully in regard to it. Have received in cash $3.85 from her.

I would like to call attention to the "Roll Call," price twenty-five cents, for sale at this department. Ask Mrs. Pattee to describe it. You will not regret having spent your money for this book, we think. Mrs. Kummer will take orders, name and address in full with cash, and they will be sent to you as soon as possible. Read II Timothy i: 3-4; Collossians iii: 17; II Thessalonians iii: 1.

Free leaflets distributed this year.....	3008
Annual reports sent out.....	900
Sheets of plain paper.....	1408
Sheets of printed paper.....	1059
Secretary blanks.....	570
Treasurer blanks...	547
Mite boxes.....	373
Light Bearer cards.....	100
Penny Helpers.....	88
Blanks to District Secretaries.....	40

Envelopes to Auxiliaries	820
Life Certificates	97

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand October 4, 1895	$ 2 30	
Sales during the year	50 35	
Received from Treasurer	7 35	
Total receipts		$60 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Postage, stationery and leaflets	$42 88	
Branch Treasurer	9 45	
Total expenditures		$52 33
Amount on hand October 4, 1896	$ 7 67	

JOSEPHINE CRUM.

REPORT OF CHRISTMAS BOX COMMITTEE.

FOR CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

One box to Seoul, Korea, from San Jose and Campbells.
One box from Central Church San Francisco.
One box from First Church, San Francisco.
One box from Trinity Church, San Francisco.

MRS. RETTA THOMPSON, Secretary.

FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

One package by mail to Miss Grace Stephens, Madras, India.

One box to Cawnpore via N. Y., from Junior Epworth League of First M. E. Church, Los Angeles. This box contained a small one for Sitapur from the Long Beach Young Women's Society.

A box to Sitapur from Young Womans' Auxiliary of Riverside containing sixty dressed dolls.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. M. CROW.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC AND PROPORTIONATE GIVING.

After presenting our plans to the Executive Committee at the first Quarterly meeting of the Branch this year, and receiving its approval, they were carried out as follows:

A letter, with some literature on the subject of Proportionate and Systematic Giving was sent to the Corresponding Secretary of each Auxiliary in the Branch—ninety-nine in all. These Secretaries were asked to present the subject to their Auxiliaries and ask that a special committee be given charge of the work.

Of the responses received many showed that these several committees did good work. At least three writers said that they were convinced that this is the right way to give to the Lord's work and would *begin giving that way themselves at once.* Thus the leaven will slowly spread and we renew our zeal.

Pledge cards were distributed at the second Quarterly meeting of the Branch, and twenty-seven signatures obtained, each signer pledging to give at least one-tenth of her income to benevolent and religious purposes. Six dollars was appropriated by the Branch for this work, which has been used as follows:

Literature	$1 75
Pledge cards	50
Postage and stationery	2 79
Balance on hand	96
Total	$6 00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. F. JOHNSON, Committee.

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

Branch officers and members of Executive		25
Delegates		25
Auxiliaries represented, Cal. Conference	18	
Auxiliaries represented Southern California Conference	11	
		29
Visitors enrolled		155
Total		234

Several states were represented and we were honored by the presence of fifteen ministers besides large delegations from our Chinese and Japanese missions, several deaconesses and a number of returned missionaries, etc.

MRS. SHOREY,
MRS. MASTERS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS:—We realize that no permanent interest can be maintained in that of which we know but little, therefore, be it

Resolved, First. That we urge upon the members of the W. F. M. S. the importance of systematic reading and study of the literature of our Society; and, as far as possible, that of other societies, in order that our outlook may be broadened and our zeal stimulated by the efforts and success of others.

Second. That we urge upon our members the necessity of a thorough canvass for our paper, "The Woman's Missionary Friend," and we recommend that in each Auxiliary and Young People's Society an agent be elected for this purpose. We would also request our organizers, Conference and District Secretaries, to carefully present the claims of this paper wherever they organize.

WHEREAS, The last quarter's expenses of each year are heavier than any other in settling the year's work, and our first quarter's receipts are generally inadequate to our needs, so that the treasurer is obliged to borrow some money each year to meet them; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the various societies of our Branch be urged to collect and remit a larger percentage of the year's pledges during the first quarter.

WHEREAS, Our beloved President, Mrs. A. K. Stalker, who has so faithfully and efficiently served the Branch for the past four years, and under whose wise guidance such an increase in interest and membership has come to our work, retires from office, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender her our sincere thanks and assure her of our sympathy and love and of our prayers, that the Master whom she serves may ever guide and support her.

WHEREAS, On account of physical disability and other providential circumstances, our dear Sister, M. F. Woodcock, who has for five years so efficiently served the Southern California Conference, as its Secretary, finds it necessary to retire from that office; therefore be it

Resolved, That as a Branch we keenly regret the necessity which has compelled our dear sister to take this step, we shall greatly miss her wise counsels and correct judgment, and we will earnestly pray that our loving Father will sweetly sustain her in the lonely hours that may come to her.

Resolved, that we gratefully acknowledge the consecrated and successful work of our beloved and highly esteemed sister, Phoebe Searle, and deeply regret her retirement from the Secretaryship of the California Conference. Her pioneer work has laid strong foundations in faith and prayer. To her persistent holding of the fort amid great discouragements, unfailing patience and untiring devotion to God and His cause, we owe much of our present success in her Conference. We shall prayerfully remember her and her faithful service in upbuilding our Society.

WHEREAS, We learn with regret of the severe illness of Mrs. Dr. Freyer, who gave so largely of her time and strength to the work of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, being always ready to befriend us in public and in private and to entertain our missionary women sojourning on the coast, therefore be it

Resolved, That as a Branch we convey to her our appreciation of her services and our loving sympathy and prayers for her speedy return to health and strength.

Resolved, That we tender thanks to the Pastor of this Church for his brotherly co-operation, and to the ladies of the Church who have spared no labor to provide for our comfort, and to all other Churches who have assisted in providing the bountiful lunches which have ministered to our necessities; to the singers who have so uplifted our souls and rested our minds with their sweet melodies; to the Rev. Marshall Low, of the Episcopal Church for the loan of his valuable Japanese curios. We also remember with gratitude Miss Lena Hunt, who has so graciously acted as page, thus preventing much confusion that might have resulted without her willing services.

Resolved, That recognizing the excellent work done by Dr. Harris and Dr. Masters in the Chinese and Japanese missions, we desire to express our grateful appreciation of their valuable assistance in our meeting and the encouragement of their presence; the evidence given of the transforming and uplifting power of the Gospel upon the hearts and lives of the Chinese and Japanese in our midst can but inspire us with renewed zeal and energy in the cause of missions.

Resolved, That we recognize the good hand of God in His dealings with our Society during the past year in that while every department o Church benevolence has suffered because of financial depression, we have been enabled to meet all our obligations, through faith in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. E. M. PATTEE,
MRS. T. KIRK,
MRS. RETTA THOMPSON.

APPROPRIATIONS.

NORTH INDIA.

Bhabar Bible Women	$ 48 00
Dwarahath Scholarships	32 00
Pithoragarh Scholarships	192 00
Parui Scholarships	192 00
Parui Medicine	35 00
Bijnour Scholarships	40 00
Budaon Scholarships	120 00
Bareilly Scholarships	20 00
Gonda Scholarships	130 00
Sitapur Scholarships	20 00
Sitapur, Miss Easton's salary	650 06
Lucknow Inspectress	48 00
Total	$1,527 00

NORTHWEST INDIA.

Ajmere, Mrs. Whitby's salary	$300 00
Ajmere Matron	40 00
Ajmere Mohulla Schools	25 00
Ajmere Itinerating	30 00
Ajmere Bible Readers	440 00
Ajmere Scholarships	100 00
Re-roofing Dormitories	50 00
Cawnpore 17 Scholars	170 00
Meerut, Miss Mark's salary	650 00
Meerut, Muzaffarnagar Bible Readers	75 00
Total	$1,880 00

BENGAL-BURMA.

Rangoon Scholars	$300 00
Rangoon Orphans	90 00
Rangoon Burmese Girls' School	200 00
Calcutta Girls' School	84 00
Pakur Orphans, (13)	260 00
Total	$934 00

BOMBAY.

Kampti, Miss Drake's salary	$140 00
Kampti, Mrs. Butterfield's salary	200 00
Kampti Boarding School	160 00
Kampti Bible Women	60 00
Kampti Training Class	60 00
Kampti Conveyance	70 00
Kampti Pundit	40 00
Total	$730 00

SOUTH INDIA.

Bangalore Bible Woman	$ 24 00
Madras Orphans	80 00
Total	$104 00

JAPAN.

Hakodate, one School	$ 40 00
Aoyama, Miss Russell's salary	750 00
Nagoya, Bible Woman, Mrs. Yoshikawa	80 00
Nagasaki, Scholars (2)	80 00
Total	$950 00

KOREA.

Seoul, Two Schools	$96 00

CENTRAL CHINA.

Chinkiang, Dr. Taft's salary	$750 00

FOOCHOW.

Hing Hua Girls' School, 6 Scholars	$90 00

NORTH CHINA.

Peking, Two Scholars	$60 00

SUMMARY.

North India	$1,527 00
Northwest India	1,880 00
South India	104 00
Bengal-Burma	934 00
Bombay	730 00
Japan	950 00
China	900 00
Korea	96 00
Contingent	379 00
Grand Total	$7,500 00

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

That your Branch report at hand will save you time and trouble, *if you use it.*

For postoffice addresses of Branch offices and chairmen of standing committees, see first pages of this book.

Send Miss Davis the cash with your orders for photographs.

No charges for mite boxes.

For suggestions on getting up programs for literary entertainments, socials, teas, etc., and for literature for the same, send to Miss Josephine Crum, 254 E. 23rd Street, Los Angeles, or to Miss Josephine Marston, 2301, Durant Ave., Berkeley.

For life Membership Certificates, send your full name and address, with twenty cents for postage, to Mrs. Z. L. Parmelee, 401 South Pearl Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Auxiliary Treasurers—Please note the time for remitting quarterly reports, and make the Branch Treasurer happy by being prompt. See By-Laws, 5.

Please send your Branch Contingent money early in the year, as our printing bills and other necessary expenses always comes in the first quarter. See Article XV, Branch By-Laws.

Look for the changes in the By-Laws.

Use the directions for map-making, prepared by Miss Slocum.

When an Auxiliary election occurs, the first duty of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer is to report themselves, with full address, to the Secretary of their Conference; and to the District Secretary, whose names will be found in the list of officers, page 2.

Auxiliary Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries, send to your District Secretaries for report blanks. *Fill them out carefully*, signing your name and address, and *always* give the name of your Auxiliary Society.

Endeavor to raise at least one-half of your yearly pledge during the first quarter of the year.

Read notices at the head of the Home Department of the *Woman's Missionary Friend.*

Application for special work, such as orphan, scholar, or Bible-woman, *must* be made to the Branch Corresponding Secretary, *never* to a missionary.

Any woman desiring to take work under the W. F. M. S. should always make application to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in which she resides.

Money raised for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society *cannot be used for any other purpose and must be sent to the Treasurer of the Branch.*

All mailable packages may be sent by mail to any country included in the Universal Postal Union, at the rate charged from one point to another in the United States. This includes all our mission stations. Printed matter, cards, etc., eight cents per pound.

While all money raised by Auxiliaries, *except membership dues*, may be used to make Life Members, a Life Membership does not entitle the holder to membership in the local Auxiliary. That is dependent on the payment of two cents a week ($1 a year) and a prayer.

When money is paid on Life Membership be *sure* that every payment is reported to the Branch Treasurer, together with the *name*, observing *always* to write the name the *same* way.

The name of orphan, scholarship, Bible-reader, or missionary supported should always be reported, with money sent for either purpose.

We have scholars and orphans in Pauri, Budaon, Gonda, Cawnpore and North China, in prices ranging from $10 to $30 each, for one year's support.

DIRECTIONS FOR HOME-MADE MAPS.

Directions for materials: bleached muslin, ten cents worth of Damar varnish, five cents worth of lamp-black and ultra marine (powder), a flat bristle brush three-quarters of an inch wide, and a small round bristle brush, are all that is needed, unless one wishes to put on missionary stations with a little vermillion. Prepare blue and black paint by mixing just enough of the powdered ultra marine and lamp-black with the varnish to make clear strong colors. Borrow a map, lay your muslin upon it, and trace all the outlines you want with a soft pencil. Then lay on a table, holding it straight by weights. With the broad brush lay on the water edge, just outside the penciled coastline, with the ultra marine mixture. With this also put on the rivers and lakes. Then with the lamp-black cover the penciled coastline and do the printing, and whatever is required.

In mixing liquids, use just enough powder to give a clear strong color, and be careful not to fill the brush too full. If it is desired to have divisions of the map colored, water colors or aniline dyes applied with a sponge will be easy to use, and will not run beyond the varnish outlines.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Alhambra	Mrs. H. J. Crist
	Mrs. Carrie D. Wayne
Colton	Mrs. M. A. Colvin
Escondido	Miss Margaret J. Nicholson
Arroyo Grande	Mrs. Almira Young
Fresno	Mrs. C. Markeley
Glendale	Mrs. J. E. Clippinger
Garden Grove	Mrs. Cordelia Ells
Lompoc	Ella V. Saunders
	Mrs. Lulu Dyer
	Miss Jessie Truitt
Asbury	Mrs. Margaret B. Melick
Boyle Heights	Mrs. Edith Allin
Central	Mrs. A. V. Willetts
	Mrs. E. D. Hough
	Mrs. Dudley Kavanaugh
	Rev. Francis M. Larkin
Simpson	Mrs. Mattie Huffmeyer
University Y. W.	Gertrude Bishop Phillips
Union Avenue	Mrs. A. K. McKinnie
	Mrs. Alice Holden
Ontario	Miss Ann Wilmot
	Miss Lizzie Wood
Manzana	Mrs. E. T. Billings
South Pasadena	Elizabeth C. Brainerd
	Ruth Dougherty
Piru	Mrs. R. Sampson
	Rev. C. W. F. Nelson
Pomona	Mrs. Lottie Barstow
	Mrs. B. C. Corey
	Mrs. Eliza J. Stringfield
Redlands	Mrs. H. B. Curtis
Riverside	Stella Stephenson
	R. V. Ball
	Mamie Van Fleet
	Elsye Haberlin
	Dr. Lucy W. Gardner
Santa Barbara	Anna D. Collins
Santa Ana	Mrs. A. L. Dearing
San Bernardino	Mrs. E. O. McIntier
Santa Monica	Mrs. T. Hughes Lodge

Tulare.....Mrs. Margaret Gorham
San Diego—First Church.....Mrs. M. A. Wier
.....Mrs. G. B. Watson
.....Susan M. Griswold
.....Mrs. M. H. Pritchard
.....Mary Hamlin
Whittier.....Mrs. Darle M. Leach
.....Elizabeth Owens
Alameda.....Mrs. John Tregloan
Berryessa.....Cora A. Snow
Berkeley.....Mrs. M. C. Hackley
Berkeley Y. P.....Laura Brooks
.....Margaret L. Matthews
.....Josephine Marston
Campbell.....Mrs. S. A. Foote
College Park.....Rebecca B. Painton
Napa.....Mrs. B. F. Taylor
Oakland.....Mrs. J. S. Beapee
.....Mrs. E. J. Buswell
San Francisco.....Miss MaryMarks
.....Miss Laura Templeton
.....Helen E. Fish
.....Mrs. R. Jeffrees
San Jose.....Mrs. Jessie Morton
.....Emma S. Allen
.....Alice Humphry
.....Ella M. Cox
Centella.....Mrs. L. P. Stevens.

HONORARY MANAGERS.

University.....Sarah M. Cool
Ontario.....Mrs. S. King
Pasadena.....Mrs. C. M. Parker
Riverside.....Mrs. H. P. Moore

LITTLE LIGHT BEARERS.

CHILDREN FIVE YEARS OLD AND UNDER.

Shirley Reese Cox
Rebecca May Baker
Frederick Smith
Luella May Forrester
Helen Birdsall Kam
Florence Adaline Chan
Robert Neer McMasters
Helen Woodhead
Evelyn Mae Adams
Lester Hooker
Ruth Althea Stevens
Esther Alice Doymen
Earl Farris Richmond
Ruth Dominick
Eva Smith
Alma Hammond
Willie Hammond
Walter Ernest
Gilbert Bovard
Burton Bovard
Ruth Siefkes
Lane Siefkes
Lincoln Kesler
Marjory Flynn
Blane Wilcox
Harry Coles
S. Burdett Pollock
Lloyd Austin Belser
James Smith
Walter Smith
Dorothy Cummings

JUVENILE LIFE MEMBERS.

Grace Aklstrom
Mary Cleland
Katie Allison
Bessie Ross
Winnie Smith
Rosa Elcoab
Cora Garbutt

APPENDIX.

Constitution of the W. F. M. S.,

Methodist Episcopal Church,

BY-LAWS OF PACIFIC BRANCH,

(*REVISED 1896*)

CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, AUXILIARIES, YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETIES, AND CHILDREN'S BANDS; HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARIES, ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, FORMS FOR WILLS, REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES, ETC.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in the foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee. consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two Delegates from each Branch, which Delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual meetings; said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston the third Wednesday in April, 1870, annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

First—To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corre-

sponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to devise means for carrying on the work of the Society, fixing the amount to be raised, employing missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

Second—To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the Society.

Third—To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the Committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for distributing the territory of the church:

DISTRICT.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota and Dakota	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming	Topeka.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida	Atlanta.
XII.	California, Arizona, and Nevada	Los Angeles.
XIII.	Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon	Portland.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an

Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch, and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present at the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of accounts, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the Committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants and receive all the reports of the missionaries, Bible women and teachers who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws, regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SECTION I. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to the mission fields shall be submitted for revision and app roval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conference or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent, or Presiding Elder, having the same relation to the work and the person in charge, that he would have were it in charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday Schools, bnt shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday Schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the Annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4, of this Article, shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in women's meetings, convened in the interests of their societies, nor from securing Memberships, Life Memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interest of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BY-LAWS

OF THE PACIFIC BRANCH WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called THE PACIFIC BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE II.

The Annual Meeting shall be a delegated body composed of the Branch Executive Committee and two delegates from each Auxiliary, who shall present proper credentials to the Enrolling Committee. Each member of an Auxiliary in good and regular standing is invited to a seat, but is not entitled to vote in the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE III.

There shall be a Superintendent for each Conference, whose duty shall be: To supervise the entire work within the bounds of the Conference, such as the organization of Auxiliaries (employing helpers if necessary); making provision for the holding of Conference Anniversaries, and making report to and working in harmony with the Branch. She shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee through the Branch Corresponding Secretary, on or before the first day of January, April and July, and annually by the first of October.

ARTICLE IV.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch may have an assistant, elected at the Annual Meeting upon her nomination.

ARTICLE V.

The Branch Treasurer may have an assistant in each Conference, elected at the Annual meeting upon her nomination, who shall perform such duties as the Treasurer shall indicate.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be two or more Vice Presidents from each Conference elected at the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

There shall be Superintendents of Young People's and Juvenile Societies for each Conference, elected at the annual meeting, who shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Branch. Their duties shall be to superyise the work in their respective Conferences and to report quarterly to the Branch.

ARTICLE VIII.

With the concurrence and aid of the Presiding Elders and Pastor, District Associations shall be formed whenever practicable. The Corresponding Secretary for each District shall be *ex-officio* members of the Branch Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Delegates and Reserves to the General Executive Committee Meeting, shall be nominated by an informal ballot. The two women receiving the highest number of votes shall be recognized as candidates to be elected by ballot. Conference Secretaries, District Secretaries and Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by their respective Conference representatives: or, in the absence of these by the Branch Corresponding Secretary. These officers shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE X.

A vacancy among the General Officers, or Conference and District Corresponding Secretaries, shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the Branch.

ARTICLE XI.

It shall be the duty of the Branch Recording Secretary to keep a roll of the officers and managers, and members of the several standing committees and to furnish the same for publication in the Annual Report. She shall furnish to the *California Christian Advocate* and other Church papers published within the bounds of the Branch, reports of the proceedings of each Quarterly and Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XII.

The Branch Treasurer shall send quarterly to each Confereuce Secretaay in the Branch an ~~itemized~~ account of the receipts from the Auxiliaries in her Conference, and shall also send itemized reports of all her receipts quarterly to the Branch Corresponding Secretary, and for publication in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

ARTICLE XIII.

The place of holding the Annual Meeting shall be fixed by a majority vote of the previous Annual Meeting; and the time of the Annual Meeting shall be the second Wednesday in October.

ARTICLE XIV.

Quarterly Meetings of the Branch shall be held on the second Wednesday of January, April and July. The Branch Executive Committee shall meet the day before the Branch Annual and Quarterly Meetings.

ARTICLE XV.

A Branch Contingent Fund averaging five cents per member shall be raised in every adult Auxiliary; the proceeds from the sale of Reports shall accrue to this fund. The traveling expenses, postage and stationery of the Branch President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Conference ~~Superintendents and their helpers~~, shall be paid from this Contingent Fund when not met by collections.

ARTICLE XVI.

Traveling expenses from their homes to the Branch Annual Meeting and return may be paid from the Branch Treasury to the Branch President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Conference Superintendents; also those of the Corresponding Secretary and Delegates to the General Executive Meeting from their homes to the place of meeting and return.

ARTICLE XVII..

There shall be standing committees as follows:

On Appropriation—The Corresponding Secretary, President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Conference Superintendents.

On Publication—The Recording Secretary and two others nominated by her and elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Missionary Candidates—The President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and five others, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Medical Education—A committee of five, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Mite Boxes—A committee of one, elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Photographs—A committee of one, elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Branch Annual Meeting—The President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and one resident at the place of meeting.

On Missionary Literature and Supplies—A committee of two, elected at the Annual Meeting.

On Proportionate and Systematic Giving—A committee of one, elected at the Annual Meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the ——— Woman's Foreign Missionary Association for ——— District ——— Conference ———.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be to unite the Auxiliaries of the District in an earnest effort for the promotion of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

ART. 3. All members of Auxiliary Societies in the District shall be considered members of this Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. These officers, except the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected at the first meeting after the opening of the Conference year.

ART. 5. The meetings of the Association may be held semi-annually, in the fall and spring of each year.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended at any annual meeting of the Branch by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Associations, and have a general supervision of the work in the District.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, and to aid her in the work of the District.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Association, to organize Auxiliaries whenever practicable, reporting them at once to the Conference Secretary, and to have general oversight of those already organized, giving them all possible aid in keeping up their interest in the work; also to arrange for Conventions, and to report quarterly, viz: On the 20th of December, March, June and September, to her Conference Secretary, what she has done and the condition of the District work.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the meetings of the Association, and to give public notice of all meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues and hold in trust the funds of the District Association, keeping a book account, and pay out money only on order of the President.

6. Each Auxiliary will be entitled to five Delegates. All members of Auxiliaries present shall be entitled to vote on all questions except the election of officers.

7. A District Contingent Fund averaging five cents a member shall be raised annually in each adult Auxiliary and sent to the District Treasurer for the Expenses of District work.

a missonary spirit, and, secondarily, to raise money to aid the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

ART. 3. Any young person may become a member of this Society by the payment of not less than sixty cents annually.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen annually.

ART. 5 Meetings for business and the communication of missionary intelligence shall be the———of each month. The anniversary meeting shall be held at the close of the Conference year. At this meeting the Secretaries and Treasurer shall present annual reports. The election of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting after the opening of the Conference year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall have general supervision of the Society and preside at its meetings.

2. The Vice-President shall assist in the management of the Society and preside in the absence of the President.

3. The Recording Secretary shall furnish the Pastor of the Church with a written notice of each meeting of the Society, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of every meetlng.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who, together, shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

5. The Treasurer shall collect the membership fees; keep a book account of receipts and payments, present a written report to each monthly meeting; and send all the money collected, except the District Contingent fund, to the Branch Treasurer not later than the 10th of December, March, June and September. It shall also be her duty to promptly furnish the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary with quarterly report of the money remitted. She shall also furnish the Pastor, before he goes to Conference, with a voucher certifying the full amount raised during Conference year.

6. The following standing committees may be either appointed by the President or elected by the Society.

A Literary Committee of two or more members, to furnish Missionary intelligence, in connection with the uniform readings.

An Agent for the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, unless the Corresponding Secretary can add this to her other duties.

A Mite Box Committee shall keep a record of the names and residences of all to whom mite boxes are distributed and see that returns are made once a year.

7. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended whenever the officers of the Society, together with

the Secretaries of Young Peoples' Work and the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall so determine.

CONSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN'S BANDS.

ARTICLE 1. This Band shall be called———(each local Band may choose any name desired, as Willing Workers, Little Gleaners, etc.) of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall be under the supervision of the Auxiliary in said Church, if such Auxiliary exists, otherwise under the special supervision of the Conference Secretary of Juvenile Work

ART. 2 The object of this band shall be to promote missionary intelligence and interest among the children, and to secure their aid in sending the Gospel to the children in heathen lands.

ART. 3. Any young person may become a member of this Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually.

ART. 4. The Band shall be in charge of a Superintendent, elected by the Auxiliary of the Church, or, in case there is no Auxiliary, to be appointed by the Branch Secretary of Juvenile Work.

ART. 5. The Juvenile officers shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected by the Band and approved by the Superintendent and by the Auxiliary, or by the Superintendent and Conference Secretary of Juvenile Work.

ART. 6. Meetings of the Band for business, and for the communication of missionary intelligence, shall be held on ——— day of each month, when the reports of Secretaries and Treasurer shall be read. The election of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting after the opening of the Conference year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Band.

2. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and see that proper notice is given of the regular meetings of the Band.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall fill the blank for the quarterly reports and send the same to the Conference Secretary of the Juvenile Work not later than the 15th of December, March, June and September.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised by the Band, and keep a book account of all receipts and payments, and not later than the 10th of December, March, June and September, shall send all money on hand to the Branch Treasurer, who shall furnish a receipt for the same.

6. Program for monthly meeting:
   I. Devotional exercises.
   II. Calling the roll.
   III. Reading and approval of minutes.
   IV. Report of Treasurer in writing.
   V. Miscellaneous business.
   VI. Literary program.
   VII. Adjournment.

7. Each member of the Band shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what they can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, mission schools, orphans and missionaries.

8. This Constitution and accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended whenever the Superintendent of the Band, together with the Conference Secretary of Juvenile Work and the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall so determine.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARIES.

In advising those who will help us by organizing Auxiliary Societies we would make the following suggestions:

As pastors are responsible for the oversight of all Church work, this ought to be under their hands; therefore, appointments and preliminary arrangements should usually be made with them. Prepare to explain to them our purpose, plans, work and relations to the General Missionary Society, and you will hardly ever fail of hearty sympathy and co operation.

After an address from the pastor, or yourself, urging the claims of this work, organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary *pro tem.* Let women pass through the aisles to take memberships (paper having been provided and marked and women selected beforehand.)

As soon as may be have the Constitution and By-Laws read and adopted.

Call for a Nominating Committee, of which the pastor may usually be Chairman.

While this committee is consulting, send the women again through the aisles to take subscriptions for the *Friend.*

The adoption of the report of the Nominating Committee nominates the officers, who may then be elected, after which nothing remains to be done but to arrange for a further canvas for members and subscribers, by committees among the women of the congregation, and to plan the program of the monthly meeting. This may be a missionary tea, sociable, or prayer meeting, always with a reading circle where practicable. This may be better arranged at a subsequent meeting, where more time and thought can be given it.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary Society should collect the money for the *Friend*, and send it with the order for the papers to the agent, Miss Pauline J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

Each auxiliary Society should report as soon as organized to the Conference Secretary. The name of its Corresponding Secretary, the number of members, and the number of subscribers, should be given for publication in the *Friend*.

When the claims of this Society are brought fully and fairly before our ministers, they are ready to bid us God-speed, and give us all the aid in their power. Those who listen to our appeals are always ready to do what little we ask of them. Trusting God to give us access to their hearts, in this branch of missionary work, we can but succeed gloriously.

N. B.—The pastor should be notified every year, previous to the Conference, of the amount of money raised during the year, that he may report it at the Conference.

ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

I. Hymn.
II. Reading of Scriptures.
III. Several prayers for the missionaries in foreign fields, and the work at home, interspersed with singing.
IV. Reading minutes of previous meeting and roll-call.
V. Report of Treasurer in writing.
VI. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
VII. Payment of dues.
VIII. Reading of missionary intelligence.
IX. Reports from members of what they have done to advance the work during the past month by talking, reading or praying.
X. Unfinished business.
XI. New business.
XII. Adjournment, after prayer.

N. B.—Go through the form though THREE ONLY be present. Keep to the form and the spirit will grow.

Never omit a regular meeting because the Secretary forgets to have it announced. The announcement is for the benefit of the public and inactive members.

Keep two distinct departments in the treasury:

First—Money PURELY foreign missionary, to be forwarded to the Branch Treasurer, to which all membership fees belong, and all moneys not otherwise directed.

Second—The incidental or home fund for furnishing officers' books, correspondence, etc. When money is to be collected for incidental expenses, have it understood by a former resolution.

Let the Treasurer never fail to report quarterly. Let her never fail

to have an ORDER for money paid out, signed by the Recording Secretary and President.

The fiscal year for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ends with September 30th. All money for the current year must be sent to the Branch Treasurer prior to that date in order to be credited with the year's remittances.

MEMBERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

The payment of $1 constitutes a member for one year.
The payment of $20 constitutes a Life Member.
The payment of $100 constitutes an Honorary Manager.
The payment of $300 constitutes a Life Patron.
The payment of $20 supports an orphan for one year in India.
The payment of $40 supports an orphan for one year in Mexico.
The payment of $25 supports a scholarship in China.
The payment of $40 supports a scholarship in Japan.
The payment of $18 supports a scholarship in India.
The payment of $60 supports a Bible reader in India.
The payment of $36 supports a Bible reader in China.

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, ... dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance to my executors thereof.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society), and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with power to sign release to executors through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions to be filled and answered by her; and when practicable a personal interview shall be had with the woman by two or more of the committee, before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each woman presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract:

"I, —— ———, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions, while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

9. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of the committee.

10. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee, at its next session.

11. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars: Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work:

First. Health, attested by properly certified health certificate.

Second. Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Convictions and call to missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of her life.

Third. Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

Fourth. Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptibility to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greater efficiency in Christian work.

FORM OF CERTIFCATE OF HEALTH.

The following questions have been prepared in order to elicit more particular information regarding the health and probable power of endurance of missionary candidates, than has heretofore been afforded by the ordinary medical certificate.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN.

Name.

Age. Height. Weight.

PRESENT HEALTH.

- Chest Measurement.
  - (*a*) At complete expiration.
  - (*b*) At complete inspiration.
- Temperament.
- Appearance.
  - (*a*) As to general health.
  - (*b*) Probable capability of enduring fatigue.
  - (*c*) Capability of enduring climatic influence.

There is never a day so dreary
But God can make it bright
And unto the soul that trusts him
He giveth songs in the night

There is never a path so hidden
But God will lead the way
If we seek the Spirits guidance
And patiently watch & pray.

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